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REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action mailed February 9, 2005. The recent Office Action was designated an Election/Restriction requirement. Applicants were required to restrict the application to one of the groups of claims set forth in detail in the Office Action. The restriction requirement is traversed. Applicants provisionally elect claims 40-41 (Group II) to prosecute in the present application. The remaining claims in the application are amended or are added in a manner that is consistent with this response to the restriction requirement.

Applicants were also required to make a species election among four species set forth in the Office Action. The species requirement is hereby traversed. Notwithstanding, Applicants provisionally elect species C to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. The only claims not readable on species C are the following: claim 15 and claims 28-39. The remaining claims are generic. Upon allowance of a generic claim, Applicants will be entitled to consideration of the claims directed to the remaining species.

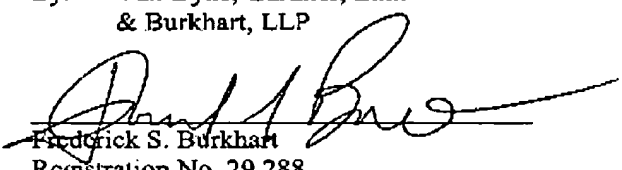
An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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